

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 48 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – claims 1-20, and 39-48, drawn to contactor card, classified in class 324, subclass 754; and

Group II – claims 21-38, drawn to a method of forming a compliant contact structure, classified in class 29, subclass 874.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-20, and 39-48, without traverse.

Claims 1-20, and 39-48 are further subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement.

Three species of invention have been identified:

Species A: species of figure 3;

Species B: species of figure 5; and

Species C: species of figure 7.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention as set forth in claims 1-5, 10, 11-15, 20, 39-43 and 48, illustrated in drawing Figs. 1-3 and 8.

Applicants consider claims 1, 11 and 39 to be generic, and note that upon allowance of generic claims, claims 6-9, 16-19, and 44-47 depending therefrom in a non-elected species would also be allowable.

Applicants request an action on the merits of claims 1-5, 10, 11-15, 20, 39-43 and 48.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Office on October 14, 2003, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed

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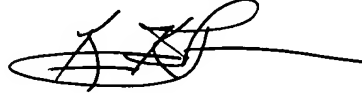
copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

CONCLUSION

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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